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SUBJECT: TWO USTASHI TERRORISTS SENTENCED IN ZAGREB

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1. DECEMBER 15 ISSUE OF ZAGREB DAILY "VECERNI LIST" REPORTS THAT SLAVKO VRBANIC AND ZVONKO DJAPO, WHO WERE APPREHENDED IN JULY 1975, WERE SENTENCED TO 15 AND 5 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT RESPECTIVELY FOR "CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE." ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORT, VRBANIC JOINED THE USTASHI ORGANIZATION, CROATIAN NATIONAL RESISTANCE (CNR), IN 1962, WHILE HE WAS WORKING IN WEST GERMANY. LATER, VRBANIC ALLEGEDLY BECAME A "COMMISSIONER" OF THE CNR, AND PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS OF THE CNR LEADERSHIP, WHICH WERE PRESIDED OVER BY THE "PRESENTLY QUIET" BRANKO JELIC. IN 1968 VRBANIC WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AND TRIED IN SAARBRUCKEN. AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST HE WAS CARRYING A SMALL ARSENAL, INCLUDING CARBINES, AUTOMATIC PISTOLS, AND EXPLOSIVES. IN 1973 VRBANIC PARTICIPATED IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE SHOOTING OF THE YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL IN FRANKFURT.

2. ACCORDING TO "VECERNI LIST", DJAPO "JOINED WITH" VRBANIC IN 1970.

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HE MET VRBANIC IN TRIESTE TO PLAN TERRORIST ACTIONS IN YUGO-

SLAVIA, AND TO THAT END ASKED THAT VRBANIC SEND HIM ARMS,
TERRORIST MATERIAL, AND MONEY.

3. COMMENT: VRBANIC'S 15-YEAR SENTENCE IS THE HEAVIEST WHICH
WE CAN RECALL BEING GIVEN IN CROATIA FOR THIS TYPE OF CHARGE
IN THE PAST ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS. PRESUMABLY, VRBANIC AND
DJAPO ARE AMONG THE USTASHI TERRORISTS TO WHOM THE YUGOSLAV
AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN DRAWING ATTENTION IN THE PRESENT "ANTI-
ENEMIES" CAMPAIGN. KAISER

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